

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 7, 13, 21 and 27 will be pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-20, and 22-26 have be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, claims 7, 13, 21 and 27 have been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Thus, entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Rejected claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-20, and 22-26 have been canceled, thereby rendering their rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant requests the outstanding rejections to be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 13, 21 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. However, the Examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The above amendment places these claims in independent form. Thus, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

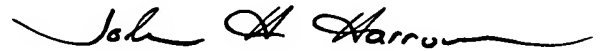
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5238.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5238.

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